"The South 40"
by JAMES A. SMITH
EXTENSION AGENT

The fire cured tobacco market is off and booming - much higher than the most optimistic grower expected; but as some have said it's about time.

The only complaint that I've heard is that there isn't enough spread between the high quality tobacco and the snuff grades. This is the same pattern being experienced on the flue cured market.

Certainly this year's market suggest a strong demand for tobacco. It should be an incentive for increased production next year.

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The old Belt flue cured market closed out with an average of $106.07 per hundred - the highest average ever in any flue cured area. It topped the 1973 marketing year by 77.3 million dollars (23.5 percent) and averaged $17.86 higher than the record set last season

Only 1.3 percent went to the Stahlization Corporation - the smallest amount on record.

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There is one new flue tobacco variety for 1975 - McNair 1040. In 1974 there were two new releases - Virginia 080 and McNair 944.

This year in Virginia tests, Va. 080 averaged 2470 pounds for an acre value of $2662, McNair 944 produced 3155 pounds worth $3454 and McNair 1040 yielded 2914 worth $3199.

McNair 1040 has more ground suckers - 3.6 per plant compared with 0.2 for McNair 944 and 1.5 for Va. 080.

Va. 080 flowers on the average in 53 days compared with 58 and 59 for McNair 944 and 1040 respectfully.

McNair 1040 is a cross of Coker 319 and Coker 139; has moderately high resistance to blackshank and tolerance to brown spot.

McNair 944 is a cross between Speight G-10 and McNair 30. It's highly resistant to blackshank.

Va. 080 resulted from a cross of NC 95 and Burley 47 with three subsequent backcrosses to NC 95. It's resistant to tobacco mosaic virus and five other major tobacco diseases.

Detailed varietal information will be available to growers in a few weeks.

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In 1974 - 16, 142 feeder pigs were sold through the Farmville sale, averaging 57 pounds, an average price of $51.45 per hundred or $29.11 per head. Total value of pigs going through the Farmville sale was $469,845.27.

It's interesting to see where Virginia feeder pigs are going. In 1973 - 92 per cent stayed in Virginia. This year 80 per cent stayed in Virginia. North Carolina an dPennsylvania were the major out-of-state buyers.

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Tests have shown that about 40% of heat lost from a house is through air change. Cut this loss by: not opening windows and doors unnecessarily, keeping fireplace dampers closed when not in use, using exhaust fans in kitchen and bathroom sparingly.

Rocks

December 9 - It was quite rainy here Saturday night.

We welcome Mrs. Irma Roach to our community.

Farmers were well pleased with tobacco prices last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore were called to Roanoke last Thursday due to the illness of his brother, Leslie. He is in a hospital there. They returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Roy Gowin will undergo surgery at Virginia Baptist Hospital today (Monday). A speedy recovery is wished her.

A number were Christmas shopping in Lynchburg last week.

Hog killing time is around again.

The week of prayer for foreign missions was observed at Rocks Baptist Church last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Carey Williams of Winston-Salem, North Carolina arrived Sunday to visit Rev. and Mrs. Don Wagner and Gary until Monday. He preached at the morning and evening services. A large crowd was out. The presence of the Holy Spirit was felt. One joined by transfer of church letter. Those of you who didn't come out sure did miss a lot.

The club had itś December meeting with Mrs. C. E. McLaughlin on Thursday night. The attendance was good. The members exchanged gifts and had a wonderful time.

Mrs. Don Wagner and Mrs. Ann Vaughan went to Petersburg Wednesday for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Spain of Richmond were visiting her mother, Mrs. Katherine Dickerson Sunday and attended services at Rocks.

Christine Nash was visiting Cassie Baldwin Sunday afternoon.

St. Luke

It was quite a rainy day December 1 but a very pleasing crowd of members and friends attended the regular preaching services at the St. Luke Baptist Church. Rev. McLaughlin gave a wonderful message for the day. The Adult Choir gave the music. The offering was very good.

The third Sunday in November the pastor's and churchs' anniversary went over very good. Rev. G. N. Marshall preached a very inspiring sermon . Rev. and Mrs. Mc. were very happy from the kind ways they were remembered the members & friends. The St. Andrews Choir gave the music. A special solo was sung by Deacon Carlyle Robinson. "The Women of the Bible in Color" was presented at the St. Luke Baptist Church, Sunday at 3:00 p.m. December 8th. Friends from Appomattox, Hat Creek, Brookneal, Free Springs, Spring Hill and Lynchburg were present. To take a part in the march with their respective captains in color was quite beautiful and well attended over $300.00 was received. Mrs. Rosa Hurti, President of the WSCS was the narrator for the event. Thanks goes out to all who helped to make this a success.

Eight guests from Danville, Virginia were dinner guest in the home of Mrs. Grace Walker recently.

The Senior Sp. Club of St. Luke met in the home of Mrs. Esther Callahan recently, they are doing a wonderful job of making patch work Christmas socks for the shut in ones in nursing homes.

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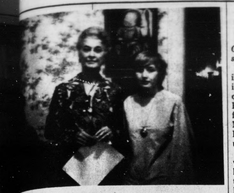

...an's Club Has Christmas Party

...ers of the Woman's Club of Appomattox and guests ...Monday evening at the home of Mrs. H. Webster ...ed their annual Christmas party-meeting.

...die Ferrell, left above, was in charge of the program ...evening. She read a story in keeping with the Holiday ...and Kay Chenault, right above, sang a Christmas Carol ...ed group in singing all their favorite Christmas songs.

...bers of the club brought gifts to be sent to Patrick ...ys Plantation for Christmas to help in a small way ...e holiday a little brighter.

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...uth Division of Mt. ...Methodist Church will ...a Christmas ...Christmas' Sunday ...ember 15, at 7:30 ...church. Everyone is ...ited to attend.

...ging ...stmas Tree"

...ble and Christian ...s Class of Trinity ...Methodist Church, ...will present a ...Christmas Tree" ...December 22, 1974 at ...in the church. You are ...attend.

...TYRING EXTENSION ...AKERS CLUB

...ual Christmas party ...ent Spring Extension ...ers will be held ...er 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the ...Geraldine Marshall. All ...please plan to attend.

Eastern Star to Meet December 16, 1974

The regular monthly meeting of the Eastern Star will be held Monday, December 16, 1974 in the chapter room at 7:30 p.m. Initiation for new members. You are urged to attend.

Farm Bureau Meeting Set

Appomattox County Farm Bureau Board of Directors will meet Mon., Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the office.

The second notice for dues has been made, let's all try to get these in as soon as possible so we can be among the first to meet our 75 quota. Last year, Appomattox County was the first county in the state to ever reach their quota by the end of December.

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"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts 16:31.

Miss Happy Mince has been ill for a month is greatly improved. She had a severe case of flu. Mrs. Eleanor Roach spent Sunday with her father, Mr. J. O. Davidson. Mrs. Horsley and Mr. Crawford Davidson. The sick are as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison were visitors in Appomattox last Friday. It was the first time John had been away from home for two months. Hope he may be better and enjoy the coming holidays.

We wish to extend our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Rosa Morrell who was buried at Hebron Friday. So thankful she had such a long life.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler visited Mrs. J. F. Alvis and Mrs. Russel Cawthorne last Wednesday in Lynchburg.

Mrs. H. B. Jones, Kathy and Richard visited Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Sunday.

Mrs. John Ewers went back to Richmond to a doctor Friday and she is doing fine will not go again until January.

Rev. Dennis E. Moore visited the Wheelers last week always glad to have him come.He spreads sunshine wherever he goes.

Mr. Tommy Davidson is doing fine. He is at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Smith, in Lynchburg.

We had a big crowd out at church yesterday and Mr. Moore preached a grand sermon.

Christmas Play at Providence

A Christmas play entitled "Why The Chimes Rang" will be presented by the youth of Providence Baptist Church in the sanctuary of the church on Sunday night, December 22, 1974, at 7:30 p.m.

The play centers around two young boys who go to church to worship the Christ Child on Christmas Eve, hoping to hear the Christmas Chimes ring. The public is cordially invited to come and see "Why The Chimes Rang."

Members of the Senior Chapter FHA who participated in a skit, "Silent Night-Holy Night," last week were, seated, left to right, Carla Varner, Teresa Cyrus and Janet Booth; and standing, left to right, Kay Chenault, Robin Tomlin and Cindy Guill.

Sr. FHA Presented Skit, "Silent Night-Holy Night"

The Appomattox Senior Chapter Future Homemakers of America met on December 4, 1974. The program was a skit entitled "Silent Night-Holy Night."

In the skit, Christmas, the traditional season of peace and goodwill is having a hard time imposing itself on this era of conflict even for a few days. The symbols of the season-the church bells, the presents, the carols, get mixed up with the symbols of the era. The casualty reports, the shouted protest which proclaim "Peace Now" and the harsh debate: Yes! Even with the love and joy of Christ at Christmas, we still have our taunting protest and mockery of the season. Peace on earth is now as it always has been an exclusive idea. We must strive for a peace of the spirit. Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever your labors and trials in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul, with all its shame, drudgery and broken dreams. Love one another, for in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethern, ye have done it unto me.

In the skit, we visited the home of a family who is just beginning their Christmas festivities but one member of the family doesn't want any involvement when it comes to helping others. She thinks only for herself and for her benefit. She really doesn't know the real joy and good feeling you can get, just by helping others.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Cyrus

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NVATA Presents Award

James Wall, Executive Secretary for the National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association, (NVATA) has informed the Virginia Agricultural Teachers' Association that it has fulfilled requirements for the NVATA Professional State Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association Award for 1973-74. The award will be presented to Dennis Torrence, vocational agriculture teacher at Appomattox County High School, who served as State President. The presentation will be made during the annual NVATA National Convention at New Orleans, Louisiana, December 6-11.

The NVATA has always recognized that the National Association can be no stronger than its affiliated state organizations. State associations are encouraged to conduct activities designed to serve the best interests of members, the NVATA, and the profession. Activities considered most essential include the use of an organized program of work, keeping members informed through regular newsletters, and attaining at least 95% of the potential membership.

The NVATA recognizes the winning associations annually presenting an attractively framed certificate of appreciation to the president of associations meeting the established requirements.

Mrs. Dickerson's Club

On December 6 we had our 4-H meeting. President Denise Jackson called the meeting to order. Then we had the pledge to the American flag and the 4-H flag. Then we sung Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer and played a game led by Donna Baldwin and La Ann Crain. Recreation leaders, Michael Richardson, Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting. Then the president asked for old and new business. Mr. Sweet gave out certificates to the ones in Share-the-fun. Then Mr. Sweet showed us a film. Then we did a 4-H Christmas Safety Quiz. We were then adjourned.

Janis Richardson, Reporter

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